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SUBJECT: DE MARTINO KIDNAPPING

REF: 9:30 AM CALL TO DCM BEAUDRY AND NAPLES 631

1. THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS THE RELEASE OF GUIDO DE MARTINO BY KIDNAPERS EARLIER THIS MORNING AT CASORIA FIVE MILES NORTH OF NAPLES. PERSONAL FRIEND OF DE MARTINO WHO CAME TO CONSULATE TO INFORM ME OF RELEASE MADE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

-- RANSOM PAID WAS APPROXIMATELY 1 BILLION LIRE OR ABOUT 1.1 MILLION DOLLARS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THE 5 BILLION LIRE INITIALLY SOUGHT.

-- A FRIEND OF THE DE MARTINO FAMILY, LAWYER ALBERTO LAVIANO, SERVED AS INTERMEDIARY DURING THE PAST MONTH WITH THE KIDNAPERS. LAVIANO

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IS A LAWYER, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF NAPLES AND FORMERLY AN OFFICIAL OF THE CISAL UNION.

-- FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY IN AND OUTSIDE THE SOCIALIST PARTY CONTRIBUTED TO THE MONEY RAISED TO FREE DE MARTINO. HE DID NOT KNOW NOR WISH TO MENTION THE AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED BY THE FAMILY ITSELF.

-- THE ABDUCTION IS ATTRIBUTED TO A GANG, SUCH AS THE MAFIA, ACTING IN CONCERT WITH A POLITICALLY RADICAL GROUP.

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-- HE ALSO TOOK SPECIAL PAIN TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE KIDNAPPING HAD DEFINITE POLITICAL OVERTONES, AND SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE BLOCKING OF THE ELDER DE MARTINO'S CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF ITALY IN 1978 AS THE OBJECTIVE.

2. THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RANSOM AND THE PROTRACTED NEGOTIA

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TIONS TO ARRIVE AT A FINAL FIGURE IS CONSISTENT WITH INFORMATION

GIVEN ME EARLIER BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND RELAYED TO THE EMBASSY AND TO WASHINGTON. AS TO POLITICAL MOTIVES, ONE MAY VERY WELL COME TO LIGHT BUT I AM VERY SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE ONE AND ONLY ONE MY INFORMANT INSISTS ON I.E. THE BLOCKING OF ELDER DE MARTINO FROM THE PRESIDENCY. FOR GENERAL INTEREST I SENT A LETTER OF COMPASSION TO THE ELDER DE MARTINO ON MAY 10 AND A TELEGRAM TO YOUNG DE MARTINO, WHOM I KNOW, THIS MORNING. COLANTONIO.

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